

# Climate of the Southland Best in World, Says Expert

After devoting a life-time to studying the climates of the countries of the world, Dr. Stanislav Hanzlik, professor of climatology in the Imperial Royal Bohemian University at Prague has concluded that the climate in Southern California is the most delightful on the globe. The scholar has been here to make a first-hand study of the climate.

"Years ago I studied about the climate here in the books and have long known of its excellence," Dr. Hanzlik said. "I have come to make a close laboratory study.

"In making a study of the climate of a country I give attention to the topography, vegetation and the people. I am taking notes along these lines now. The ocean, the mountains and atmospheric conditions in Mexico and Arizona conspire to give charm and distinction to the climate of Southern California. The topography of the country is such that it holds the tempering winds from the ocean.

"The climate in Southern California is more even in temperature and desirable than that of any other coun-

try in the world that has come under the observations of students, and climatology, as it is taught today, gives systematic knowledge of the climates of practically all portions of the earth.

"The climate of Italy and other parts of the Mediterranean countries have been regarded as ideal. But the extremes there are much greater than in Southern California. The claims made for the climate of Southern California are based on scientific facts and cannot be refuted."

## Los Angeles Has Most Miles of Paved Roads Any County in U. S.

The County Highway Commission completed during 1913 63.6 miles of paved roads. In addition to that there are 21 miles under contract, and petitions have been filed for the improvement of 34.5 miles of highway. This is declared to be an unusually good record for roads not built with bond moneys.

It is predicted by the highway engineers that 1914 will set a new record in the miles of roads paved by the district method, which does not include bond issues. The residents in the rural districts have become enthusiastic over the matter of constructing good roads and the petitions for improvements are getting more numerous.

The district improvement of highways is similar to the assessment district plan used in the cities, for the

burden of the cost is borne by the property owners of the district.

To promote the good roads of the county and to inspire rural districts to improve their roads, the County Board of Supervisors provide the rock and oil for the improvements and the districts pay for the remainder of the expense.

The County Supervisors have tentatively planned to levy an additional assessment each year for ten years for the purpose of constructing 100 miles of paved roads each year.

Los Angeles County, it is asserted on good authority, has more miles of paved roads now than any other county in the entire United States. Nearly 300 miles of paved roads have recently been completed, for which a bond issue of \$3,000,000 was voted a few years ago.

impressed with the beauty of our cities and county, the fertility of the soil and its products.

"It seems to be very desirable that in so far as it is possible our county should be beautified by the planting of trees and flora of all kinds, so that vacant property and unimproved city lots may be made more pleasing to the eye, and in furtherance of said ideas that immediate action should be taken looking to the planting of the aforesaid trees and flora so that during the life of the expositions we can maintain in Los Angeles a floral exposition in which every city and locality of Los Angeles county shall participate.

"At the opening of the Panama Canal it is the intention of the authorities in Washington to order a large number of United States battleships, accompanied by battleships of the great nations of the world, to pass through the canal and visit all the important ports along the Pacific Coast, and in consequence thereof a proper entertainment must be provided for the officers and enlisted men.

"During the expositions men of prominence from every nation of earth and several hundred great conventions will visit San Francisco and Los Angeles and it is imperatively necessary that these prominent visitors and delegates to the great conventions shall be suitably entertained while here."

Supervisor Butler suggested that at least 35 per cent of the money to be expended be used in the county, as he said it would not be fair to tax persons in the rural sections unless they were to get a benefit from the influx of visitors and persons were taken all over the county. He said that excursions could be run to all the principal towns and that every community would thus get a direct benefit.

There was no dissenting vote to the plan and the committee was assured that the Supervisors will do all in their power to aid in raising the money for the vast floral show as well as the tree-planting and entertainment of visitors.

There will be subsequent meetings with the Supervisors to talk over details of the plan. At present there is nothing more that the Supervisors can do.

### VOTERS REGISTER

#### BOOKS NOW OPEN

The 1914-15 great register of the county was Saturday thrown open to voters and for the first hour registrations were being received at the rate of one per minute.

Among the first to register was Lieutenant Governor A. J. Wallace.

Under the new system instituted by County Registrar McAleer each voter who registered received a receipt insuring him against the loss of his vote.

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### COUNTY MOTORCYCLE

#### SQUAD PAYS PROFIT

The county motorcycle patrol netted the county a profit of more than \$11,000 during the year 1913, according to the report submitted to the District Attorney yesterday by Herbert Drew, superintendent of the patrol. The report shows that during the year \$26,022.50 was taken in as fines. There was paid out in salaries \$13,800 and about \$1000 for gasoline and motor repairs. During the year there were 4316 arrests

## Office of Public Defender New Phase of Public Conscience

Beginning with Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, when Walton J. Wood, the newly appointed public defender, opened his office on the eleventh floor of the Hall of Records, there will be no person in Los Angeles County so poor but that if accused of crime he will have a capable lawyer, paid to defend him, as one is paid by the State to prosecute him.

"The office of public defender, as created by the Los Angeles charter, marks the beginning of a revolution in the administration of criminal

law," said Mr. Wood yesterday. "It exists nowhere else and has never been tried before. The county not only provides a prosecutor to bring out evidence against the accused, but it also provides a public defender to bring out evidence in favor of the accused.

"In civil cases not exceeding \$100, the public defender will appear for the defense in all cases where it appears that the defendant is being unduly harassed.

## Legal Business L. A. County

### Shows Heavy Increase for 1913

The legal business of Los Angeles county showed a substantial increase in 1913 over the preceding year. In 1913 10,495 civil suits were filed in the superior court compared with 9855 in 1912.

The total of the divorce suits filed in 1913 was 2267, a gain of 463 over the preceding year. The divorce suits filed in 1913 represented 21 per cent of all the suits filed. There were 7674 marriage licenses issued in 1913 compared with 7698 in 1912.

A slight falling off was noticeable in the matter of filing of new incorporations in the county. In 1913 there were 1497 new concerns in-

corporated compared with 1677 in 1912.

Prosperity of the county is reflected in the immense values of the estates probated in the superior court in 1913, during which estates valued at \$200,000,000 were handled. Fees collected by this department in 1913 exceeded those of 1912 by \$262,25, and 424 more new cases were filed in 1913 than in the preceding year.

Taken as a whole, it is estimated that the court business for 1913 was 18 per cent greater than that of 1912.

One of our merchant friends handed his card to us this afternoon. We read the following: "Remember that the Devil lived in Heaven until he began knocking his own town."

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## Doing Business Under A Fictitious Name

"One of the most important state laws now in force is that governing the transaction of business under a fictitious name or partnership. In order that our readers may be posted in the matter the following advice is offered:

"The law provides that every partnership transacting business in this state under a fictitious name, or designation not showing the names of the persons interested as partners in such business, must file with the clerk of the county in which its principal place of business is situated, a certificate stating that the names in full of all the members of such partnership and their places of residence, and must publish the same once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county, if there be one, and if there be none in such county, then in a newspaper

published in an adjoining county. The certificate must be signed by the partners, and acknowledged by them, and must be published within one month after the formation or commencement of the partnership. A new certificate must be made and published whenever there is a change in the membership of the partnership.

"No person, doing business under a fictitious name, or his assignee or assignees nor any persons doing business as partners contrary to the provisions of this law, or their assignee or assignees, shall maintain any action upon or on account of any contract or contracts made or transactions had, under such fictitious name, or in their partnership name, in any court of this State until the certificate has been filed and the publication has been made as herein required."

## 1915 Entertainment Committee Asks Support of County

Recognizing the importance of showing the Southland at its best to millions of visitors next year, the Board of Supervisors have agreed to support a comprehensive general plan of entertainment and preparation. While unable to make a definite declaration that the taxpayers will consent, the Supervisors declared themselves in favor of a special tax levy of 2 cents on \$100 in the regular budget to provide funds for adequate entertainment and for beautifying and adorning the whole county. Such a levy would produce more than \$300,000.

The 1915 Entertainment Committee appeared before the Supervisors yesterday morning and presented general preliminary plans.

A resolution signed by Kinney and Flint for the committee was read to

show the consensus of opinion represented by it. The resolutions declared in favor of the county tax levy and recommend that the Supervisors make such a levy. It contains the following reasons for making extensive preparations for 1915:

"The year 1915 promises to be the most important in the history of California by reason of the opening of the Panama Canal and the two great expositions at San Francisco and San Diego.

"Los Angeles county, being, as it were, the main entrance and practically between said expositions, it appears more than probable that every visitor to either exposition will spend more or less time in Los Angeles county, and it is therefore very necessary that each visitor shall be fully

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- 3 - 4 miles to the ocean
- 4 - On direct route to San Pedro
- 5 - Inexhaustible Water Supply
- 6 - Splendid electric light system
- 7 - Elevation ideal for drainage
- 8 - Perfect sewer system
- 9 - Wide, beautifully paved streets
- 10 - Backed by large industries
- 11 - Great car shops and iron works among others coming
- 12 - All industries, when running full, should employ 3,000 men - population expected, 15,000
- 13 - Big, clean, organized development
- 14 - Growing faster than any western industrial city
- 15 - A progressive, safe investment